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SOURCE Ta Kung Pao.CHINESE WINTER WHEAT REACHES MARKET IN LARGE AMOUNTS

Summary: The winter wheat crop of China's important wheat growing areas is appearing on the market, and this is expected to bring down wheat prices.

Shensi is expecting an abundant wheat harvest. Yields as high as 400 catties of wheat per mou (1 mou equals 1/6 acre) are reported.

NEW WHEAT EXPECTED TO DEPRESS MARKET PRICES -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 4 Jun 53

Peiping, 3 June (Hsin-hua) -- The new winter wheat of China's main wheat growing regions -- Hopeh, Honan, Shantung and Shansi -- has appeared on the market. Tz'u Hsien and Ta-ming Hsien, which are wheat areas in Han-tan Special Administrative District in Hopeh began shipping their new wheat to market the latter part of May. The wheat of Honan's southern districts is gradually appearing on the market. Hsin-yang and Nan-ch'iu Special Administrative Districts also have large amounts on the market.

South Shantung wheat will reach the market in mid-June; at present, it has appeared only in I Hsien and Ko-tse Hsien. The harvest is on in Jui-ch'eng, I-shih, An-i, P'ing-lu, Yung'chi, and Yu-hs'ang hsiens in the Yun-ch'eng Special Administrative District of Shansi. After the new wheat appears on the market, wheat prices will begin dropping. The grain prices of Hsin-chiang and Fen-yang hsiens in Shansi have decreased about 200 yuan per catty. Some areas of South Shansi, in spite of hail damage, harvested about 80 catties per mou.

ABUNDANT WHEAT CROP IN SHENSI -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 4 Jun 53

Sian, 3 June (Hsin-hua) -- The important wheat growing area of Shensi Province is having an abundant harvest this year. According to information obtained from official sources in several special administrative districts, an unprecedented wheat harvest was obtained from the more than one million mou in Nan-ch'eng Special Administrative District of southern Shensi. The average yield may reach 180 catties per mou.

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In the Kuan-chung area, Pao-chi Special Administrative District's Feng-hsiang and Ch'i-shan hsiens, and six other hsiens and municipalities, may harvest an average of about 180 catties per mou which will be an increase of 10.5 percent over last year. Hua Hsien, Hua-yin, Pai-shui, and seven other hsiens in the Wei-nan Special Administrative District, may average 169 catties per mou, an increase of 30 percent over last year. There is an area of almost 3 million mou where the improved seed program has been carried out.

The yield of "No 1 Pi-ma" and "No 6028" improved seeds is especially high; the yield of "No 1 Pi-ma" has averaged about 300 catties of wheat per mou. From inquiries made along the Lung-Hai Railway, in Ch'e-lei Ts'un of Wei-nan Hsien, the Lei-chih-p'ing Mutual Aid Team's more than 50 mou of wheat field averaged 390 catties per mou. In Mao-liu Ts'un, Hsien-yang Hsien, the Ch'ien-sheng-ch'uan Mutual Aid Team's 8 mou of wheat field averaged more than 400 catties per mou. These two teams are comparatively good ones in this area. The entire province has more than 23 million mou of wheat this year which is an increase of 4.5 percent over last year. For this reason, this year's total crop will greatly surpass last year's.

At present, the wheat in Nan-ch'iu Special Administrative District in southern Shensi has been harvested and this new wheat will soon appear on the market. The wheat harvest now in progress in the Kuan-chung area should be completed by mid-June. Shensi's abundant harvest can be attributed to timely rains, but mainly it was due to teaching the farmers advanced plowing methods, overcoming of natural calamities, and destroying insects. The Kuan-chung area's more than 100,000 farmers exterminated the trematoda wheat worm, thus ensuring an abundant harvest.

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